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SUMMARY. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS VANCE STOPOVER AND AMBASSA-
DOR'S ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS CONTINUED POLITICAL FERMENT
IN ISRAEL, TO TRY TO CONVINCE SKEPTICAL PUBLIC THAT PEACE
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PROCESS NOT STALLED. EDITORIALIST NOTES INCONSISTENCY
BETWEEN ISRAELI ACTIONS IN LEBANON AND PROFESSION BY
DAYAN THAT PALESTINIAN PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED TO BRING
PEACE. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. DIPLOMATIC ROLE. PRESS APRIL 17 HEADLINES
SECRETARY VANCE 90 MINUTE STOPOVER IN CAIRO EARLY

TOMORROW MORNING AND READINESS FORMIN KAMEL TO DISCUSS WITH HIM DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH LEBANON AND AFRICA. AHRAM REPORTS AMBASSADOR EILTS MET KAMEL AND DISCUSSED UPCOMING UNGA MEETING ON UNIFIL FUNDING, SOUTH LEBANON, AND "DETAILED REPORT" FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS ON OUTCOME OF HIS TALKS WITH BEGIN. (COMMENT: IN FACT, AMBASSADOR DID NOT DISCUSS ANY OF THESE SUBJECTS WITH KAMEL.)

2. CHANGES IN ISRAEL? AKHBAR PUBLICIZES ISRAELI CABINET MEETING WHICH PRODUCED FOUR POINTS ON RES 242: IT BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS; PROPOSAL FOR SELF-RULE IN HARMONY WITH IT; ISRAEL WILL LISTEN TO ARAB COUNTERPROPOSALS; AND 242 CALLS FOR AGREEMENTS WITH ARAB STATES NOT WITH PALESTINIANS. AHRAM SAYS ISRAELI POLL SHOWS 61 OPPOSE BEGIN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON SETTLEMENTS AND THAT 60 SAY THERE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR CONSTRUCTING NEW SETTLEMENTS DURING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT. CONTINUING ATTACK ON ISRAEL, ANIS MANSOUR IN AHRAM CLAIMS "LEADING JEWISH INTELLECTUALS" AGAINST ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND BEGIN PARTICULARLY. HE CLAIMS THEY WISH ISRAEL WOULD GET RID OF BEGIN BECAUSE HIS HARD-LINE POLICY HAS BROUGHT WORLDWIDE HOSTILITY TOWARD ISRAEL. EDITORIAL SAYS EGYPT DOES NOT SEEK CHANGE IN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL BUT CHANGE IN ATTITUDES AND OLD CONCEPTIONS AND TAKING UP NEW POLICY "IN HARMONY WITH NEW SPIRIT" OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEACE INITIATIVE. IN LESS TEMPERATE OUTBURST, RIGHT WING AHRAR REVIEWS ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AND CLAIMS AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WILL "GO AS FAR AS TOPPLING BEGIN AND REPLACING HIM WITH WEIZMAN" FOR PURPOSE OF PEACE PROCESS.

3. LEBANON. PRESS REPORTS SYG WALDHEIM TO ARRIVE IN BEIRUT. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL NOTES ISRAELI'S DIGGINKV IN IN LEBANON AND GUR'S STATEMENT THAT IDF WILL NOT WITHDRAW FOR ECOTHER "TWO MONTHS". HINTING DARKLY THAT ISRAELI OPERATION DESIGNED TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE, EDITORIAL NOTES DAYAN STATEMENT THAT NO REAL PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT RESOLVING PALESTINIAN QUESTION. EDITORIAL CALLS ON ISRAEL TO RESOLVE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN ITS WORDS AND ACTIONS. UNTIL IT DOES SO, EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEM ARE DOOMED.

4. COMMENT. ACTIVE U.S. DIPLOMATIC ROLE AND POLITICAL FERMENT IN ISRAEL CONTINUE TO BE PLAYED UP TO DEMONSTRATE TO SKEPTICAL PUBLIC THAT PEACE PROCESS NOT STALLED. EILTS

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